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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS WITH INFLUENCE OF SHADING

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$\boxtimes$	Eleven (11) sheet(s) formal drawings
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
	Applicant does not claim priority
	Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No. 2003-009778 filed in JAPAN on January 17, 2003.  Certified copy is attached hereto.  Certified copy(ies) will follow.
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$\boxtimes$	An assignment of the invention
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
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$\boxtimes$	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
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